

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1221 - SB 1340

March 10, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes elected district attorneys general, full-time assistant district attorneys general, full-time pro-tem prosecutors employed by the District Attorneys General Conference (DAGC), the Executive Director of the DAGC, and the Deputy Director of the DAGC to carry firearms in the same manner as a law enforcement officer if such individuals have completed POST-certified training.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the District Attorneys General Conference pays for any individual to complete the POST-certified training, the initial 40-hour training costs \$520, and the annual 8-hour training thereafter costs approximately \$130. Otherwise, the fiscal impact of the bill is estimated to be not significant.

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-1350 authorizes any law enforcement officer to carry firearms at all times and in all places within Tennessee, except for certain noted exemptions. The proposed legislation broadens the definition of “law enforcement officer” to include district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, and certain DAGC staff if the individuals have completed POST-certified training.
- According to POST, the cost of the initial 40-hour training is \$520, and the cost for annual 8-hour training is approximately \$130.
- The proposed legislation does not require district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, or DAGC staff to complete the training, but to the extent such individuals do complete the training, it is assumed that the DAGC will pay for the training.
- However, it is assumed that the proposed legislation will not significantly impact state or local operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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